



City of Redmond Planning Commission

March 22, 2006 Meeting Summary

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:

Charlie McCarthy, Korby Parnell, Sue Petitpas, Suzanne Querry, Martin Snodgrass arrived for the second study session.

Staff and Guests in Attendance:

Lori Peckol, Sarah Stiteler, and Kim Dietz, Redmond Planning Department. Arthur Sullivan, A Regional Coalition for Housing.

Business Conducted:

Vice Chair Querry called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. once the Planning Commission reached quorum.

The Commissioners approved the agenda and meeting minutes for February 15, 2006.

Under Items from the Audience, the following citizens spoke regarding the North Redmond Neighborhood Plan update: Bob Chamberlain, Andy Raffman, Joann Armus Bily, Claire Marsh, Eric Fortune, Reed Probst, Connie Deaton, Jerry Rippeteau, Tom Stagges, Jai Patel, Mary Klug, Rajah Noori, Irene Price, and Holly Hallmark. Among the comments were opposition to any additional retail in the neighborhood, opposition to a viewing tower, opposition to a neighborhood commercial floating zone, support for housing for seniors and moderate-income households, support for an additional gathering place in the neighborhood, support for open space, and appreciation to staff for their responsiveness to comments, and thanks to the Planning Commission for the additional opportunities to participate.

Commissioners Kumar and Hinman were excused and it was noted that Commissioner Snodgrass had recused himself for the first study session.

Vice Chair Querry opened the study session on the North Redmond Neighborhood Plan update. Commissioner Petitpas led the discussion. Kim Dietz, Senior Planner, presented information related to the Commission's discussion of potential for additional neighborhood commercial opportunities in the neighborhood. Ms. Dietz presented three alternatives, reviewed staff's recommendation, and summarized how staff's recommendation related to comments to date from the Citizens Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, and residents. The Commission asked questions about the three alternatives, stated that the Commission needed additional time to review and consider the alternatives, and identified information they needed in order to complete their recommendation at the next meeting.

Chair Snodgrass opened the study session on the Education Hill Neighborhood Plan update. Vice Chair Querry led the discussion. Arthur Sullivan and Sarah Stiteler presented information and responded to questions related to the administration of affordable housing provisions and related topics. Following the discussion, the Commission agreed to support the proposed provisions for backyard homes, closing Issue 15. The Commission directed staff to include on the Planning Commission's work program the issue of whether more specific regulations for administering affordable housing provisions are needed.

There were no reports. Regarding scheduling, the Commission agreed to schedule the North Redmond Neighborhood Plan update as the only item on the agenda for their March 29 meeting provided that there will be a quorum.

Chair Snodgrass adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm.